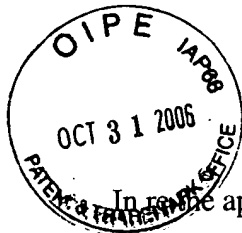


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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the listed foreign language documents, applicant encloses herewith a copy of a partial English translation of the portions of the "Glass Kogaku Handbook" publication cited under "Other References" on the attached PTO form 1449.

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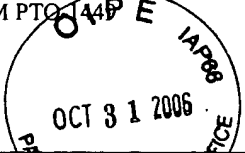
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